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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN REACTION TO GREEK COUP

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1. PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE SHOWN UNIVERSAL AND VEHEMENT HOSTILITY TO COUP WITH DAGBLADET (LIBERAL) AND ARBEIDERBLADET (LABOR) LEADING PACK IN DENOUNCING QUOTE BLACK DICTATORSHIP UNQTE AND GREEK PRESENCE IN NATO. NEW GOVT EXCORIATED IN PRESS AND EXCEPT FOR ONE OR TWO MAN VOICES FROM RIGHT OF SPECTRUM, KING CONSTANTINE'S PREDICAMENT HAS DRAWN LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OR

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SYMPATHY. STUDENT AND YOUTH GROUPS (ESPECIALLY LABOR) ARE LAVISH WITH FREE ADVICE, DEMANDING EXCLUSION OF GREECE FROM NATO AND IMMEDIATE NORWEGIAN RUPTURE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. CHAIRMAN STORTING FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ROISELAND (LIBERAL) HAS CALLED FOR NATO MEMBERS EXERT DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE ON GREECE FOR REESTABLISHMENT DEMOCRACY BEFORE TAKING ANY NATO ACTION TO EXCLUDE GREECE.

2. IN RESPONSE ALL THIS OUTCRY AND BEFORE LEAVING FOR NORDIC FONMINS CONCLAVE REYKJAVIK, FONMIN LYNG GAVE INTERVIEWS TO DAGBLADET AND BROADCASTING SYSTEM. LYNG DISAPPROVED MILITARY ACTION AGAINST GREEK DEMOCRACY BUT HEDGED ON POSSIBLE NORWEGIAN DIPLOMATIC ACTION, SAYING GON SHOULD SEE HOW SITUATION DEVELOPS BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION. HOWEVER, ANY PERMANENT ENCROACHMENT ON GREEK DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURE WOULD CREATE NEW SITUATION ON WHICH

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GON WOULD HAVE TO TAKE STAND AND NATO ALLIES WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER. IN RESPONSE QUESTIONS, LYNG SAID IT WAS PREMATURE TO DISCUSS EXCLUSION OF GREECE FROM NATO, BUT HE MENTIONED NATO SPRING MINISTERIAL AND SAID MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON SITUATION AT THAT TIME. HE DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER NORDIC MINS WOULD DEVELOP COMMON POSITION AT REYKJAVIK, THOUGH THEY OBVIOUSLY WOULD DISCUSS MATTER. RE SOLIDARITY WITH DANES, LYNG SAID THAT DANISH

POSITION WAS QUOTE SPECIAL UNQUOTE BUT THAT MINISTERS SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER COMMON NORDIC POSITION MIGHT HELP POLITICAL PRISONERS. FINALLY HE SAID RECOGNITION NEW REGIME WAS NOT CURRENT QUESTION.

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